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1. Between 1 August and 15 November approximately 600 Rumanians fled to Yugoslavia by crossing the Danube or overland through the Banat.
2. After interrogation the Yugoslavs separate Rumanian refugees into two groups, (a) peasants, laborers, technicians and engineers, and (b) "bourgeois reactionaries and useless individuals". After a short period in prison members of the first group are sent to work on construction projects. Members of the second group are held in prison.
3. The prison at Kovacica, formerly used for war criminals, is now filled with Rumanian refugees. Two hundred Rumanian prisoners, including thirty women and seven children between the ages of four and six, are confined in the space normally given to eighty prisoners. Prisoners sleep on the ground, using vermin-infected straw for beds. Food consists of a grain soup and 300 grams of bread daily. No soap or clothing has been issued to the prisoners. A heavy guard is maintained at the prison.

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